Around Town

Full Study Asked Before City Pulls Electrical Switch

Mayor Percy Scurrah said Thursday city council should thoroughly explore the idea of turning over all its electrical work to a private contractor —although he said he was "not too hopeful" of a saving.

Ald. Geoffrey Edgelow has called on electrical superintendent Kenneth Reid for a report on the full extent and cost of the city's electrical operations. He said the firm of Hume & Rumble, which does all Vancouver's work, would give "an estimate of the saving they could offer" Victoria.

He said he believed the saving would be substantial.

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Figure skating and dance competitions will be staged by the Victoria Figure Skating Club this weekend with the public invited to watch the magic on skates at the Memorial Arena.

Competitions will run from 11 a.m. to 12 noon today with trophy presentations to junior skaters and open skating session from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday the competitions will glide on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Construction of the proposed $4,000,000 Hillside shopping plaza may begin this summer, at least two months before the scheduled starting date, according to Milton King, agent for the Hillside and Shelbourne project.

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Two national fire protection awards and five merit awards were presented by Defence Minister George Pearkes Tuesday to fire departments of the Pacific Naval Command.

In competition against 96 army, navy and air force fire departments across Canada, HMC Dockyard was judged the most efficient brigade and received the grand award plaque for Canadian Military Division.

Second major award, the Howard Green grand award trophy for competition between military and Canadian government civilian brigades, was also won by HMC Dockyard.

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A 12-per-cent wage boost sought by Esquimalt police union for its members this year is based solely on 1959 conditions "and has nothing to do with last year's awards," a union spokesman said this week.

Earlier, Esquimalt's Reeve A. C. Wurtele had stated it seemed "very reasonable" police should not get a raise this year, because they got a 13.3 wage increase last year.

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Capital Improvement District Commission may be asked to acquire and hold for park development the property between the road and the beach at Gonzales Bay.

Ald. M. H. Mooney suggested this course of action Tuesday while city council parks committee was considering budget estimates.

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About 115 Vancouver Island life underwriters will attend a conference Wednesday in Holyrood House.

Speakers at the one-day Island meeting will be Hubert Davis, New York; Jack Nussbaum, Milwaukee, and Leslie Dunstall, Toronto, executive vice-president of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada.

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An authority on the Middle East, Brigadier Stephen Longrigg of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, will address the Men's and Women's Canadian Clubs on the subject, "Oil, Power Politics, and the Arab Awakening," on April 13 in the Empress Hotel.

He will address the men's club at 12.15 p.m. and the women's club at 2.30 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beastall will speak to the Gordon Head Garden Club at 8 p.m. Monday in Gordon Head Community Hall. Illustrated topic will be, "Garden Subjects Suitable for Effect, Cutting and Arrangements."

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At the conclusion of the third night of competition at the B.C. Dance Festival in Vancouver, these Victorians placed: Senior toe ballet, pas de deux (Class 33) — Louise Roberts and Franklynn Eves, third with 84; intermediate "C" tap solo (Class 60c) — Heather Lawson, third class certificate and 76 points.

Modern musicals, intermediate "B" line (Class 34b) — Wynne Shaw Studio, second, with 83 points: Nancy Watt, Dianne Boughey, Wendy Tebo, Gloria Hiscock, Paula Lovric, Barbara Anne Court, Sheila Gray, Heather McCubbin and Judith Cameron.

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David Hern fisheries biologist of the Provincial Fish and Game Branch at Nanaimo, will address the Victoria Natural History Society at 8 p.m. Tuesday on "Rehabilitation of Lakes for Trout Fishing and the Inclusion of Prospect Lake in this Plan."

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Junior branch of the Victoria Natural History Society will meet at 1.30 p.m. today at the Monterey Restaurant parking lot for a field trip to Hatley Park, Colwood.

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A general election in B.C. "by the fall" was forecast yesterday by Oak Bay Progressive Conservative candidate James A. A. George.

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Amateur radio operators in Victoria and in all areas of the province have been invited to take part in Oregon state centennial celebrations this year.

Astoria Radio Club, W7QXS, has offered a special centennial certificate to radio "hams" all over the world who converse with at least 100 different Oregon stations.

TOKYO—U.S. air force has cleared a lieutenant-colonel of charges he bumped six homeward-bound airmen from a transport plane so he and his family could fly to Hawaii for a vacation.

Traffic Fines

COLWOOD

Lawrence J. O. Raby, Duncan, exceeding 30, $20 and costs.

James Green, Victoria, violating restriction of driver's licence by exceeding 45, $25 and costs.

Agit Singh Jawl, Victoria, insecure load on truck, $25 and costs.

Joseph Edward Brindley-Scragg, Sooke, no driver's licence, $25 and costs.

Sardara Singh Bains, Victoria, passing stop sign, $15 and costs.

Robert Frederick Richardson, 2862 Sooke, no dog licence, $5 and costs.

William D. Osborn, Victoria, speeding in restricted area, $10 and costs.

OAK BAY

Egill Bjornson, Work Point, careless driving, $35.

Kenneth D. Adsett, 2014 Foul Bay, exceeding 30, $25 and restricted to driving for business only for one month.

CITY

William G. Cornell, 1601 Esquimalt, expired driver's licence, $25.

Donald M. Carey, 2016 Romney, exceeding 30, $25.

Harold Penton, 1138 Pembroke, failing to heed painted traffic sign, $10.

William Wilson, 1601 Esquimalt, leaving car unattended with motor running, $15.

SAANICH
Thursday

William Fairhead, 5064 Cordova Bay, careless driving, $35.

CITY
Thursday

William J. T. Cove, 552 Paradise, failing to display chauffeur's badge, $10.

Levern Michael Petrik, 951 Bay, careless driving, $35.

Ian K. Strang, 2092 Townley, careless driving, $35.

Raymond George Allison, 3901 Burridge, careless driving, $35 and licence suspended for one month.

Margaret Sandiford, 1000 Craigdarroch, careless driving, $35.

Thomas J. Dolan, 1435 Myrtle, careless driving, $35.

Robert Patrick Quinn, 4831 West Saanich, inadequate horn, $15; no emergency brake, $15.

Janos Fabrik, 3465 Saanich, exceeding 30, $20 and licence suspended for one month.

Kenneth W. J. Ravenhill, 2368 Rosario, failing to yield to pedestrian, sentence suspended.

Gilbert R. Eraut, 1581 Wilmot, exceeding 30, $25.

Melvin A. Lorette, 1601 Esquimalt, exceeding 30, $25; no insurance, $25.

Sidney J. Davis, Work Point, no driver's licence, $25.

CITY
Wednesday

Erling Carlsen, 652 Garbally, careless driving, $35.

John Thornton Shea, 1856 Townley, careless driving, $35.

Low Chin, 826 Caledonia, failing to heed siren, $25 and costs.

Otto Rodowski, 311 Vancouver, no lights on motorcycle $15.

Brian O'Hare, 601 Alpha, passing red light, $10.

Theresa Stundon, 225 Prevost, wrong way on one-way street, $5.

Lawrence Sawchuk, 642 Johnson, changing traffic lanes without signal, $20.

Leonard Harold Sudlow, Lombard Road, Metchosin careless driving, $40 and restricted to driving for business only for two months.

Rabbits Won't Wait

Space, Time Press This Jaycee

Blaire Parker is a Jaycee with a pressing problem—he has to bring a new member into the Junior Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible.

Or at least before two rabbits he has become 22 rabbits.

To aid the junior chamber's membership drive, officials provided two rabbits, expecting a family, and drew names from a hat to see who got them.

Mr. Parker's name was drawn. When he brings a new, fully paid up member into the junior chamber he will be able to return the rabbits.

His problem is compounded as he lives in a single-room apartment and there are already two budgies, two canaries, two dogs and three cats in the apartment house.

Asked for comment, Mr. Parker said:

"Would you like to join the Jaycees?"

At the Art Gallery

Award-Winning Paintings

By INA D. D. UHTHOFF

Canadian industries should be commended for the part they are playing in establishing the artist as an important factor in the national development. Many competitions have been sponsored by them in the past few years that have been of great value to Canadian painters and many important works have been commissioned.

The well known chemical corporation Monsanto Canada Ltd. recently sponsored an interesting and highly successful competition in which more than 400 Canadian artists participated. From this number 40 paintings were selected to form the travelling exhibition which is now on the walls of the Art Gallery.

The liberal spirit of the regulations encouraged the work of the realists as well as that of the abstractionists, thus establishing a unity of aim, provided the quality of the work could be judged to be equal. It is interesting to note that the awards were almost equally divided between the two groups.

The first prize of $500 went to the Toronto abstract painter Tom Hodgson for his powerfully rendered "This is a Forest." Gerald Trottier of Ottawa came second with his more realistic but not in any sense academic canvas. Tony Urquhart of Niagara Falls is more of an expressionist in his "Christmas-scape" which is a painter's canvas, vigorous but somewhat unintelligible. It is in direct contrast to the contemplative mood of Bruno Bobak's restrained by lovely landscape "Snow and Sage Brush."

DEEP FEELING

The work of Alec Colville of Sackville, N.B., is sometimes referred to as "mystic realism." He is one of the few painters who have a deep feeling for humanity in paint.

Ronald King of Toronto completes the list of prize-winners, but there is a great deal of interesting and important work apart from that of the six artists mentioned. Many of Canada's finest painters have taken part in this competition and are well represented.

Some of the paintings have been reproduced as Christmas cards which should do much to raise the standard of the future.

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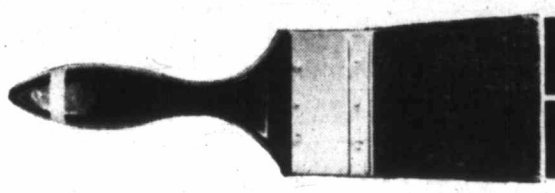

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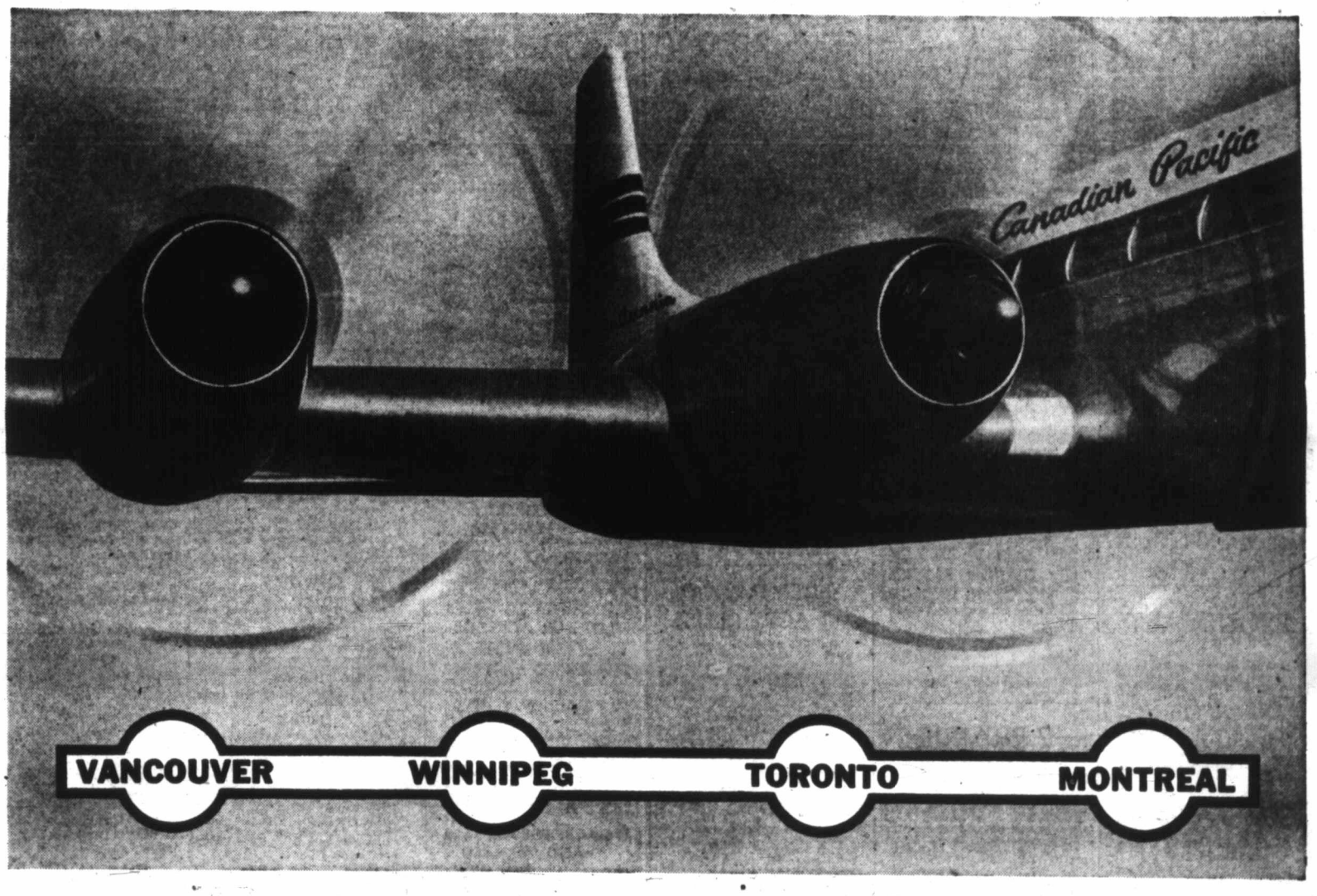

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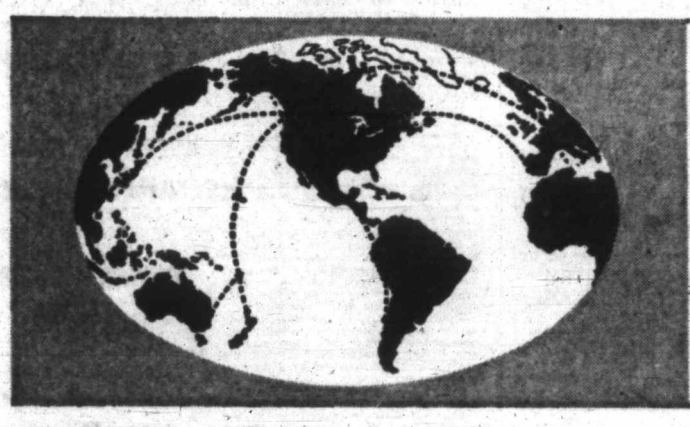

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